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## CHENG TU FALLS TO THE REDS

### Tramways Dispute

#### Conductors Continue "Go-Slow" Tactics

The Hongkong Tramways' workers are still continuing their "go slow" tactics to support their claim for an increase of wages, and this morning the Company's conductors again refused to collect fares from tram passengers.

An official of the Traffic Department of the Hongkong Tramways Ltd. said: "There is no change in the situation." When asked whether the Company had sent a letter through their legal representative to the tram workers' union, placing the responsibility on the workers concerned for the effect on the company due to the "go slow" strike, the same official said he could not say anything. "If you cannot let me know the contents of this letter, please confirm whether the Company did send such a letter." In reply to this question, the same official said: "I am sorry, I cannot say anything."

### 11 CONVICTS ESCAPE

New York, Dec. 26.—Eleven convicts, including two serving life terms and a convicted robber described as "dangerous," were at large today after breaking out of two State prisons.

At Huntsville, Texas, seven convicts escaped shortly before noon from the penitentiary by means of a secretly-dug tunnel. Two were lifers. Four prisoners escaped in a hall of bullets at Haymarket, Virginia, after sawing off their leg shackles and cutting through wire and the walls of prison buildings. The one called "dangerous" by prison officials was serving a five-year sentence for robbery—United Press.

### EDITORIAL

#### The Kashmir Dispute

THE Kashmir dispute is again before the Security Council, which is trying to find a way round the difficulties set out in the third report of the Conciliation Commission for India and Pakistan by asking its President, General McNaughton, to enter into private discussions with both sides. The rival parties are strongly represented at Lake Success. Both Sheikh Abdullah, Prime Minister of the area protected by Indian troops, and Sardar Ibrahim, head of the "Free Kashmir" administration, are there, and delegations from India and Pakistan, which include the Indian Secretary-General for External Affairs and the Foreign Minister of Pakistan, stand behind the rival Kashmiri leaders, each of whom claims to represent the majority of the population. The report which forms the starting point for the Security Council's new attempt to make peace makes gloomy reading. The views of India and Pakistan on the Kashmir dispute are wholly irreconcilable. To India, Kashmir has lawfully acceded to the Indian Union by the choice of its Ruler, has been wantonly invaded by Pakistan, and has been saved from forcible annexation only by the presence of Indian troops. In spite of all this, India claims, she has voluntarily agreed to allow the people of Kashmir to settle their own political destiny through a free plebiscite, and she has invited the United Nations to promote a peaceful settlement. Pakistan, on the other hand, contends that the cruelties practised by Dogras and Sikhs on Kashmiri Muslims first touched off the original forays of the frontier tribesmen which caused the Ruler to seek assistance from India, and then inspired an authentic movement for independence which has gained ground ever since, in spite of the efforts of Indian troops and of Sheikh Abdullah's party to suppress it. The presence of Pakistan's

own regular forces in Kashmir territory is defended by the claim that, if they had not been brought in to protect certain Muslim areas, the entire population of those areas would have fled to Pakistan, making the refugee problem there, already difficult, insoluble. In fifteen months the efforts of the Conciliation Commission have achieved only one success—the cease-fire proclaimed at the beginning of this year. After that the Commission was checked by embittered controversy; it could not convert the cease-fire into a truce; it could not persuade India and Pakistan to withdraw their troops. The Commission has now suggested that the Security Council should appoint a single person as mediator, with new terms of reference. The cease-fire, followed by the demarcation of spheres of influence, has brought into being two separate Governments, each with its army and its administrative machinery. At present India will not withdraw her forces because she is afraid that Sheikh Abdullah might be attacked by Pakistan and "Free Kashmir." Similarly Pakistan fears that if she removed her troops, Sardar Ibrahim would be attacked by Sheikh Abdullah and India. On the face of it the only solution would be for the Kashmiris themselves to settle their own differences peacefully under United Nations guidance. If the Security Council could now persuade India and Pakistan to withdraw their forces from Kashmir, leaving the next step in the hands of a mediator appointed by the United Nations, the ground could be prepared for the free and fair plebiscite, by the results of which both sides have already agreed to be bound. But the essential condition would be the readiness of both Sheikh Abdullah and Sardar Ibrahim to assist in the settlement by keeping the peace and accepting the verdict.

## Amphibious Attack Against Hainan Expected

Taipei, Dec. 26.—Chengtu, the last Nationalist capital on the Chinese mainland prior to withdrawal to Taiwan, was reliably reported today to have been lost to the Reds after days of heavy fighting.

The fall of Chengtu, which had been expected ever since Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek took refuge in Taiwan on December 8, marks the end of large-scale organised resistance to the Communist ground offensive in Southwest China.

Pro-Communist reports reaching Hongkong said Communist armies were preparing for an amphibious attack on Hainan, big Nationalist-held island off the South China coast.

(The Communist radio heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press said 12 Nationalist generals in the Chengtu area had gone over to the Communist side.)

The general defending Chengtu, Hu Tsung-nan, flew to Hainan just before the Reds stormed the city's South gates. The official Nationalist Central News Agency on Taiwan reported its last regular radio contact with Chengtu was at 8 p.m. today when it got the message "we are being liberated."

Hainan, 10 miles off the mainland, is the last stronghold of Nationalist General Pan Chung-shi, who managed to transfer remnants of his South-east China armies to the island. These, with the troops of General Yu Han-ming, former commander of the island, numbered about 250,000. Their capabilities as fighting troops are not known however.

Due to the uncertain state of defence troops and the short water crossing, Hainan is regarded by military observers as likely to be much easier to seize amphibiously than Taiwan. Red incursions are reported in various sections of interior Hainan—Associated Press.

Taipei, Dec. 26.—The battle for Chengtu, described as the

most bitter of the Chinese civil war, is raging with "growing intensity" after seven days and nights of conflict, a Nationalist military spokesman said today.

The Communists are using five armies in an attempt to overwhelm Nationalist General Hu Tsung-nan, one of their most tough enemies who fought them instead of the Japanese during the last war.

Scenes of the heaviest fighting, the military spokesman said, are in the Tsuyang area, about 40 miles southwest of Chengtu, the Sental area, about 50 miles northeast, and the Hsinching area, about 20 miles southwest. Some of General Hu's troops were broken up into smaller units. Some were said to be trying to retreat into Sikang province to the southwest, others to reach Minyang, 60 miles to the north-east.

The Nationalist Air Force Headquarters said that Kunming, capital of Yunnan province in the Southwest, was being bombed daily—an indication that the Nationalists have not been able to dislodge the Communist troops who descended to the Communists recently—United Press.

## Mao Tse-Tung In Moscow



### Einstein Has New Theory

#### WILL STUMP THE MATHEMATICIANS

New York, Dec. 26.—Professor Albert Einstein, whose Theory of Relativity made the atom bomb possible, disclosed today that he has completed a new theory that may in time unlock such secrets of nature as what makes the universe tick.

The famous 70-year-old scientist stumped his colleagues in mathematics and physics when he first announced his Theory of Mass and Energy in 1905. His new theory stumps them again. He calls the new stickler "Generalized Theory of Gravitation" and it is designed to bring together under one understandable formula all known physical phenomena.

News that his new theory had been completed after 30 years of work was made by the Princeton University Press at a Press conference with science writers here to report the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science which runs through this week. The new theory will be carried as the final chapter to Professor Einstein's book to be published in February.

While Einstein's new hypothesis is known as "Generalized Theory of Gravitation," a spokesman for the University Press said it was his definitive "unified field theory" which sets forth in one series of equations laws governing the two fundamental forces of the universe—gravitation and electromagnetism.

#### SEARCH FOR FORMULA

Physicists know that virtually all phenomena of nature are produced by gravitation and electromagnetism and have been seeking for years formula by which both could be understood and their functions. Since 1920 the idea of developing an all-encompassing field theory has been a major goal of physics. Great stores of knowledge were built up but there has been no single theory to explain and describe it.

For example, scientists know there are various types of elementary particles in the atom such as electron, proton and neutron but no theory could explain why there are a few specific types instead of many. Maxwell's equations describe electromagnetic fields caused by moving electrons but do not show why all electrons have the same charge. Also, physicists know that bodies produce gravitational fields, but no one knows why they produce them. So scientists have been attempting to bring all different observations under one theory. Einstein believes he has done that—United Press.

Mao Tse-tung (left), military boss of Communist China, returns a salute of honour guard on his arrival at Moscow airport. Awaiting Mao's arrival were Soviet Prime Minister V. M. Molotov (second from left), Marshal N. A. Bulganin (second from right), and Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko (right). —AP-Picture.

## 'QUAKES ROCK N. JAPAN

### Volcano Erupts

Tokyo, Dec. 26.—An all-day series of earthquakes north of Tokyo today caused seven deaths. Damage was widespread but comparatively minor.

Simultaneously, Mount Aso, regarded as the world's largest volcano, erupted on Kyushu Island five miles southwest of Tokyo. Great quantities of stone and ashes spewed from the crater.

Earth tremors on Honshu were felt in Tokyo and jarred an area covering nine prefectures north of the capital. National police said seven persons were killed and several injured at Imachi, city of 17,000 population 85 miles north of Tokyo. Imachi apparently was the epicentre of the disturbance. 85 houses collapsed there and 150 were damaged.

The Imachi railway station collapsed and the rail bed sank on the 20 miles route from Otsumiya to Mikko, forcing travellers to change to buses. Windows were broken in the Kanaya Hotel at Nikko. Two freight trains were derailed in the Nikko yards.

#### COMMUNICATIONS CUT

Tokyo, Dec. 26.—Rail and telephone communications around the famous scenic religious centre of Nikko were cut by this morning's earthquake. Nearly 100 houses and the rail station collapsed at the nearby town of Imachi. Rail tracks within a radius of 15 miles were overturned.

Portions of the road between Fujiwara and Takatoku dropped below ground level, making the road impassable as the rain poured. Five are reported to be missing, and three seriously injured.

The meteorological observatory, however, reported that the tremors were weakening. The initial shock broke the window of the Tokyo Correspondents' Club, 100 miles southward—Reuter.

## The Pope Goes To St. Peter's As A Pilgrim

### Carries A Black Wooden Cross

Vatican City, Dec. 26.—Pope Pius XII, bearing a simple black, wooden cross symbolising penitence, today visited St Peter's as a Holy Year pilgrim.

He went in procession with 2,000 clergy, including monks in their habits and sandals, each carrying a similar cross.

Observers saw no traces of the extreme fatigue which had aroused widespread fears for his health on Saturday. The Pope seemed to limp slightly on one foot, but showed no signs of the daze which appeared to characterise his movements then.

The next big ceremony of the Holy Year will be on January 22, when the Pope will confer the title of "Blessed" on a Roman priest, Vincenzo Pallotti, who died 100 years ago.

After months of study the Vatican's Sacred Congregation of Rites has pronounced as genuine two of the miracles ascribed to Fr. Pallotti.

Frau Marietta Sandner, 50-year-old housewife from the little town of Habburg in Bavaria will give testimony of one of them as she walks up the nave of St. Peter's on the day of the beatification ceremony.

After 17 years of being bedridden with paralysis she began praying to Fr. Pallotti.

One night she heard a voice urging her to "rise and walk". Next morning her astonished family at first tried to restrain her as she rose on her bed, put her feet to the ground and walked, Frau Sandner adds.

Thousands of pilgrims filed through the Holy Door of St. Peter's, pausing to kiss the door-posts as they did so, during the 24 hours after the Pope opened the Holy Year on Christmas Eve.

Twenty thousand pilgrims from all parts of the world began to leave for home by plane, train and coach after taking part in the Christmas ceremonies.

One bitterly disappointed homeward-bound pilgrim tonight was a Parisian housewife who failed to push her hurried way into the great stream of pilgrims visiting St. Peter's.

She said, "I saw it was useless and quickly made my pilgrimage to the three Basilians when I got back to St. Peter's this evening the doors were closed."

#### MANY PILGRIMS

Rome, Dec. 26.—Pilgrim attendance for the opening days of the Catholic Church's 1950 Jubilee exceeded expectations, the Holy Year Central Committee said today.

Thousands also visited the other three Patriarchal Basilicas of Rome at which Holy Doors were opened on Saturday—St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran and St. Paul Outside the Walls. Pope Pius concluded today a strenuous four-day programme of Christmas and Holy Door ceremonies and events by visiting the Basilica of St. Peter, where he led some 10,000 seminarians and students on a visit to the Church's main altar. He then returned to his apartment to rest.

Beginning on Tuesday, the Holy Door will open at 6 a.m. GMT and until 3.30 p.m. GMT daily—Associated Press.

## McNaughton Studies The Kashmir Problem

New York, Dec. 26.—General A. G. L. McNaughton, of Canada, and his advisers were busy today studying the Kashmir issue in preparation for tomorrow's Security Council meeting.

This is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. GMT at Lake Success, with General McNaughton as the President. It was understood that the Canadian delegation had not yet been told the views of India and Pakistan on the draft proposals submitted by General McNaughton to their delegations on Friday.

If their replies are not received by tomorrow morning, the meeting of the Security Council may be postponed until they are forthcoming.

Meanwhile, Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, the Prime Minister of Kashmir, and Mr. D. P. Dhar, the Deputy Home Minister of Kashmir, who had gone to Washington for the weekend, returned to New York this morning.

While it is taken for granted that General McNaughton's proposals contained suggestions of a military nature—for the

establishment of a truce line and the progressive demilitarisation of the disturbed area—neither India nor Pakistan has its Kashmir military advisers here at present.

Two of Pakistan's advisers were killed in an air crash while on their way to Lake Success. The possibility of military advisers being asked to come in order to assist the delegations, but no decision on this point appears likely until the receipt of the decisions of the two Governments on the McNaughton proposals.

Circles in close touch with the Kashmir talks insisted, however, that the need for military advisers "had not yet arisen." Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, India's permanent delegate, and other members of the Indian Kashmir delegation, remained at hand today in case of a call from General McNaughton—Reuter.

## Canton Workers To Be Unionised

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—The Chinese Communist radio said that Canton's 280,000 workers are to be organised into trade unions within the next three months.

This decision was made by the preparatory committee of the Canton Trade Union Council which adjourned on the 18th, the broadcast said. The meetings of the preparatory committee, which were attended by 300 workers' representatives, decided on the formal establishment of the Canton Trade Union Council on May Day, 1950, according to the broadcast—United Press.

## CARY GRANT'S XMAS ROMANCE

Hollywood, December 26.—Cary Grant's Christmas present to Miss Betsy Drake included a wedding ring and a romantic flight into the Arizona desert to find a preacher and only a 24-hour honeymoon.

The green-eyed bride must report back before the camera on Tuesday—United Press.



ALSO POPEYE'S CARTOON  
**"MANY TANKS"**  
 AND LATEST PARAMOUNT NEWS.  
 "General" Li Taung Jen, Acting President of China arrives with his family in New York." "Andrei Vyshinsky sails for Home", "Rare New Films: Report on Tito's Yugoslavia", etc. etc.

must be cooked for hours, that they do not attempt to make meal broth. They should use the pressure-cooker for this purpose, Madame. Inside the cooker the heat and pressure are very great. The pressure is



# PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



**MASARYK HONOURED**—Sculptor Albin Polasek watches as his eight-ton memorial statue to Thomas Masaryk is assembled in Chicago. Masaryk was the first President of the Czechoslovakian Republic.



**RARE SPECIES**—These Shetland sheepdog pups are owned by Mr and Mrs K. Allpress of Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand, and are the only dogs of the breed in that country. They are almost four months old. When fully grown, they will stand 14 inches high at the shoulder. The Shetland sheepdog is a miniature collie and is a working animal.



**HIS NEW FRIEND**—U.S. Congressman Fred L. Crawford of Michigan has just been presented with a fan by a schoolgirl on Likiep Atoll, in the Marshall Islands. Crawford was a member of an inspection party.



**HAVING FUN**—Hollywood producer Cecil B. DeMille, left, and Harold Hoffman, former governor of New Jersey, speak over the mike at a meeting of the Circus Saints and Sinners Club in New York. The famous director seems to think it's great fun.



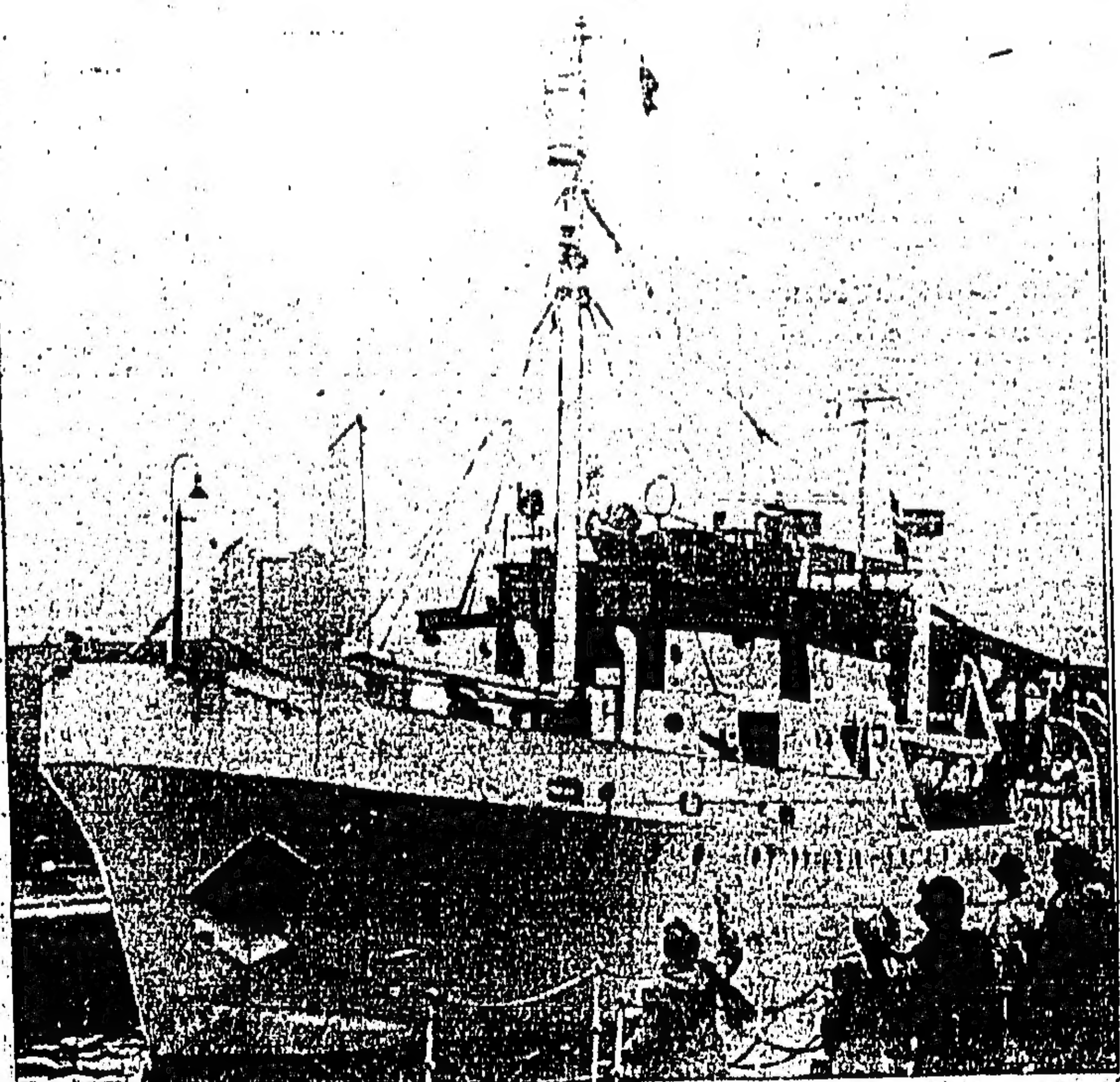
**G.I. MINERS**—In search of gold nuggets for funds to purchase equipment for their recreation room, these American soldiers had a lot of fun but didn't find much gold. They are men and officers of the Fifth and Ninth Reconnaissance Technical Squadrons, stationed at the Solano County Air Force Base at Webber Creek, California.



**WELCOME**—Actress Denise Dancel is another foreign addition to the Hollywood film colony. The lovely French girl has already finished three pictures and is on her way to success.



**MUST BE THE WEATHER**—These two macaws deserted their feathered companions in Miami for a private chat. They seem to be billing and cooling affectionately, and are not at all concerned with the presence of the cameraman.



**OFF TO COLD WATER**—The Norwegian vessel, Norsel, prepares to leave London on what is thought to be the most perfectly equipped Polar expedition. Equipped jointly by Norway, Sweden and Britain, the expedition will spend two years on scientific research and exploration.



**SHELL HEAD FESTIVAL**—Pert Colleen Delaney of Miami will be the "Seniorita" of the Orange Bowl Festival, and a better choice for the honour could not have been made.



**ON LAST TRIP**—After dying in his air-conditioned cage in Miami, Gargantua, the famous gorilla of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, is prepared for his last trip. Gargantua had been seen by an estimated 40,000,000 people in 12 years of circus life.



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CHAPTER EIGHT OF FULTON OURSLER'S  
STORY OF THE LIFE OF OUR LORD

LATE one afternoon Jesus and His group left the west side of the Lake of Galilee and sailed eastward for the desert shore, where there would be no crowds and they could all rest for a while.

On this twilight voyage, while Jesus slept in the hinder part of the ship, His head on a lumpy old pillow, there came out of a sudden dark cloud above them a spout of forked lightning and a peal of thunder. The blow of a high wind rattled the small sails, waves splashed foaming over the bows, and water poured over the side rails.

"Master!" yelled the disciples, "We perish!"

Grabbing Jesus by the shoulders, they shook Him violently awake. As he blinked at them sleepily, the Master did what no ordinary sailor would ever do. He stood up in the rocking boat. More, He spread His hands and commanded the storm to cease, as if expecting immediate compliance—and got it. Instantly the wind fell off and the skies cleared and the little boat rode on over miraculously quieted waters.

But, He asked them, with a mournful shake of the head: "Where is your faith? Why are you fearful?"

What, could they answer? Many times they had seen Him give movement to paralyzed legs; sight to blind eyes; health to the centurion's servant; life to the widow's son. But they had not seen enough to abolish fears for their own sakes.

By now the neighbours in Nazareth were divided about the fame of Jesus and quarrelling over Him.

Had He not become too important to talk to His own mother and family?

Disputed relatives, in spite of Mary, had spread the reproach and they found ready listeners. And others, perfectly decent folk, had the human feeling of being shut out from recognition; they felt rightfully entitled to.

And why did He hang around Capernaum? Why, if this Nazareth were now a great man, did He forget where He came from? He might help His own town a little!

## Friend And Foe

IN the midst of this public unrest Jesus suddenly returned, and at once the Nazareth air grew as tense as the last moments before a thunderstorm. Mary's home was surrounded with people, some gazing and mocking, others shouting friendly greetings. Peter and the others had to force a lane through which the Master could walk to the synagogue.

And there, once more facing the same benches where as a child He had learned the law and the prophets and the whole body of tradition, He talked about how a man should treat his fellow men.

His discourse shocked every one of them. He drove home an old teaching, but it had to do with a new situation: the racial and religious intolerance of their time. They all had racial

prejudices, and it infuriated them to hear Him tell them that they must give up those prejudices: God loved the Syrians and the Sidonians too! He was God of the Gentile as well as of the Jew.

A grumbling filled the synagogue. This was not at all what most of the crowd had come for. Who was He to instruct them? Wasn't He a miracle worker? Come on, perform! And they began to make shrill noises and mocking faces and stamp their feet.

He was the son of Mary, wife of Joseph the carpenter, was He not? No other citizen of Nazareth could give a blind man back his sight, change a cripple into an athlete, exorcise evil spirits, drive out demons, recall to life the stiffening dead. No one else pretended to do such things, either. But Jesus, now, so the tales went, had done all these things and more. Well, let's see Him do them now.

"Show us your powers, Jesus! Open the eyes of the blind, carpenter! Raise us up a corpse, Mary's son!"

## "Not Without Honour"

ROWS of impudent faces, full of taunting challenge, confronted Him from the pews. Physician, heal yourself! As great things as we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in your own country!

And the reply of Jesus came with a forgiving sigh.

"A prophet is not without honour except in his own country and in his own home."

A prophet is it? He really considered himself a prophet, then? At once a feeling of outrage swept through the synagogue. While they had waited for him to perform his tricks like any conjurer with bag and stick. He would try to interpret doctrines to them! Not a single blind eye opened, although the place was thick with the blind this morning; not a withered hand waved and shaken until it was whole; not a body climbing out of its grave? Yet He presumed to give Himself the airs of a prophet.

## No One Could Tell

LOUD cries of anger came from the hot-tempered citizens of Nazareth as they rushed upon Him, the whole squirming, motley crew with cut-throat eyes ablaze. They dragged Him out into the narrow street and up to the brow of the hill on which their town was built. From that great height, where often as a boy he had looked around Him at the world, they would chuck Him headlong down to the rocks.

Not one of the crowd could tell afterward just what happened. A moment He was there, the next instant gone. All they could say to the stricken Mary was that He passed through the midst of them and went His way.

THE queen had promised Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Galilee, that, having beheaded John the Baptist, he would have peace of mind at last. The people, too, she predicted, would soon quiet down. But Queen Herodias was wrong about both matters. The Baptist was dead, but the king could not forget him. And this Jesus, for whom John had been the great adviser, was now making the perturbing gospel more popular than ever among the people in his domain.

Not a day passed but the king's spies brought him reports of the growing force of Jesus. "He has multiplied His influence fifty times over," ran one communication. That estimate had to do with an experiment made by the Master when He gave many of His disciples a trial commission to go out preaching in pairs. He also had assured them that from now on they, too, would have power to cure diseases and drive out unclean spirits from those who believed.

"Heal the sick," He bade them. "Cleanse the lepers. Cast out devils! Raise the dead! Freely you have received, freely give."

The intellectual sceptics at Herod's court laughed. "How can this man give his dupes power over devils, when there are no such things as devils?" they jeered.

But it was all the more disconcerting, as duly reported to Herod, when the disciples returned full of joyous accounts of their success.

## Thought He Was John

HEROD for a long time refused to believe that there was such a person as Jesus; he believed the new wonder-worker was John the Baptist, risen from the dead.

However, he knew that the constant occupation of this mysterious Nazarene was in preaching a radical doctrine, supplemented with healing. Through 204 cities and villages, the smallest of which numbered 15,000 subjects of Herod, through town and open country and into the Greek cities of Transjordan, the Master went, trading with His ragged disciples—all poorly clad, poorly housed, and poorly fed—and winning the adoration of crowds by His healing and preaching.

## The Conspirators

SCARED though they were at times, as rumours and threats of police interference increased, the Twelve Apostles remained with Jesus. But many other followers, at first loud in their zeal, began to fall away. Some found the doctrine He preached, the discipline He advocated, too severe. Some were afraid of offending the palace. But the Master's increasing claims also seemed to many of them preposterous. For those were the days when He began to be most specific about His identity.

As long as He had been vague, they could interpret His

words and still follow Him. When He became explicit—as He did in his famous Bread of Life oration and the whole series of speeches that followed it—making it clear that He offered Himself as the Son of God; well, then a man had to be careful. The very idea that He would be a sacrifice for their sins—no more need of burning lambs and doves—frightened them. What if Jerusalem were to hear such talk? Birds and lambs were big business in the capital.

In those days their travelling was incessant. The Master's talks were delivered in synagogues all over the countryside, miraculously travelling hand in hand with doctrine. The penitential feast of the year 29 found Him in Jerusalem, at the health-restoring pool of Bethesda, near the sheep's gate. Here, at the basin below the famous five porches, He found a frustrated old cripple who for twenty-nine years had never been able to scramble down to the pool in time to be there when the angel troubled the waters," as the people said. Yet in the capital of His enemies Jesus promptly made the old fellow well in spite of the fact that it was the Sabbath.

## He Gave Thanks

BUT Andrew, Peter's brother, said: "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fishes. But what are they among so many?"

As the story was carried to Herod, Jesus calmly invited the crowd to sit down on the green hillside. Then He took the loaves, faced the descending sun, and when He had given thanks, He distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to the people, enough to feed the whole five thousand.

How could Herod's mind, or anyone's, visualise such a happening? Yet he was informed that there were five thousand witnesses; that the Master had fed Herod's hungry subjects; and that act was enough to unsettle any king.

Herod was further told that a band of revolutionaries, young and old, led by a principal bandit patriot who dubbed himself Jesus Barabbas, were working to overthrow the Roman colonial government by violence. They had organised a posse to take Jesus by force, make Him their leader, and constitute Him King of all Israel.

True, Jesus evaded them, losing Himself in the mountain. But Herod asked himself, would this wonder-worker always run from such an offer?

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## —The Biggest Bear Ever Shot In Canada

by James Cooper

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE (Alberta). SEASONED hunters sitting around stoves in their lodges talk of only one subject—George Bugby's bear, the biggest ever shot in Canada.

And they speculate on how the 9ft. 1,600lb. monster, a Kodiak, or Alaskan, brown bear, ever came to wander so far south.

Lean, rangy Bugby, a guide from Rielus, Alberta, was taking a party of hunters from North Dakota along a steep canyon in Limestone Creek in Clearwater Gap, about 60 miles south-west of Rocky Mountain House, when they surprised the bear feeding on two moose it had just killed.

The hunters, coming out of the scrub into the clearing, had no chance to retreat as the horses panicked at sight of the monster.

Bugby jumped from his horse and took quick aim as the bear charged. The bear was on his hind feet and coming fast, but dropped at the first and only shot.

## He made the perfect kill

Bugby had made the perfect kill. The bullet entered the bear's open mouth as he roared, nicked one of his bottom teeth, and lodged in his brain.

The hunters, stretching the bear on a tree, found he measured more than 9ft. from head to tail and weighed a good 1,600lb.

His head measured 19ins. and the front paw nine inches. His claws were as long as a man's fingers and his teeth a good two inches.

## Four jumps from certain death

This size indicated he was an old bear, but there were no silver hairs. His claws were black instead of the usual ivory, and there was no white on his chest.

Bugby estimates the bear was 25 years, little more than a cricket pitch, away when he shot him.

The hunters said a bear of that size would jump six yards at a time when charging in rage.

So they have worked out that George was just four jumps away from certain death when he fired.

## Strayed from usual haunts

Bugby's bear must have strayed far south of his usual haunts.

The world's biggest known bear was shot near Coldbay, Alaska, last May by Bob Reeves, of Anchorage, Alaska.

It weighed 1,800lb. Its skin was 12ft. 4ins. wide at the fore-paws and 10ft. 4ins. long. The skull was 19½ins. long and 11 11-16ins. broad, beating the previous record by 1-16th.

(London Express Service)

## C. V. R. Thompson Reports The American Scene

NEW YORK.

WILLIAM Sheridan is a Brooklyn taxi-driver. He is also a student of world affairs, and famous among his fares for the lectures he delivers while dodging traffic.

His latest outburst is on what is wrong with UNO. Here is a shorthand report of it.

"The trouble with them is limousine. I mean those big, long, black, expensive limousines the delegates ride in."

"If I had my way, those fine delegates would ride on the subway, cheek by jowl with the rest of us. Yes, and at the rush hour, too, all piled in like clothes pegs in a basket."

"That way, some of that high falutin' nonsense would be jiggled out of them and they could get down to brass tacks."

"All by himself in the back seat of a limousine a guy thinks

he is a big shot. He's got to think big—so big that pretty soon he doesn't mean anything."

"O.K. But this guy in the subway rush. Squeeze him right in with guys who are worried about the grocery bill. How are his big, flowery speeches going to sound, then?"

"Maybe, if these delegates lived like people, they'd start thinking like people. And then we might get less yakkytyak and more peace."

REPUBLICANS in New York do not want to wait until the 1952 Presidential elections to prove what a good candidate General Eisenhower would make. One group is clamouring that he should be invited to run as New York Governor, next year, to succeed Tom Dewey.

SPENDING by the Government is \$5,000,000 more a day than the cash it receives.

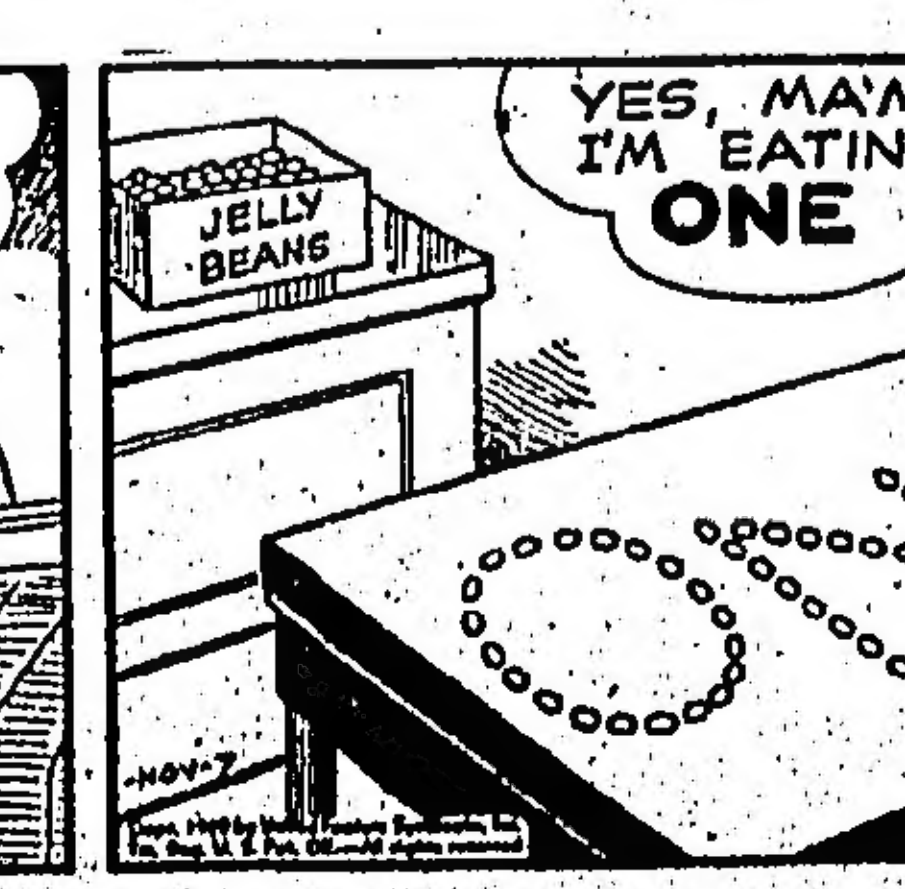
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By Ernie Bushmiller



SOAP THAT SPELLS BEAUTY



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# King Abdullah To Keep Arab Legion Within Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Dec. 26.—Hashemite Jordan, small Arab nation of less than 1,000,000 persons, will firmly oppose U.N. attempts to take over control of the Holy City. A responsible government official said today that Jordan's Arab Legion troops, colourful desert warriors of the Middle East, will never be withdrawn from the Arab held section of Jerusalem.

Since Israeli opposition to the U.N. Trusteeship plan voted by the Assembly on December 9 is equally as strong, observers here believe that the U.N. may have great difficulty in carrying out the Assembly's wishes.

While the U.N. Trusteeship Council is expected to draw up plans, beginning later this month in Geneva, Jordan's King Abdullah is proceeding independently to make himself his control of Arab Jerusalem. Although he apparently has no intention of moving Jordan's capital from Amman, King Abdullah has announced that he will spend one day and night weekly in official residence in Jerusalem.

He began this routine last week, residing with his attendants at the Assura Hotel in the small section of the new city held by his troops.

## The Greatest Story Ever Told

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Temple authority, of course, were Annan, the former High Priest, and his sons. Annan laughed at the small fry who were afraid of Jesus.

The lesser officials were too aware of Annan's complete political domination openly to disagree with him. Nevertheless they put their conflicting heads privately together and decided that the whole nation would be better off without such a menace as Jesus. They would deal with this presumptuous charlatan and stop his blasphemies, one way or another, before they were through with him, and in spite of Annan.

But, because Jesus was so popular, they would have to move slowly, deliberately, and have a complete case against him before they pounced.

So when Jesus returned to Galilee, in June A.D. 29, the Temple agents were once more on his trail. Down from Jerusalem they came to neckle at every opportunity.

This increasing quarrel of Jesus with Jerusalem became an absorbing topic of gossip in shops, bazars, and synagogues. The people had long been familiar with simple disputes; they dearly loved an argument, the noisier the better. But it was with local teachers only that a poor man argued, not with scholars from the capital itself.

Furthermore, the simple home-grown debates concerned only the details, never the philosophy of the teachings. No one in Galilee had ever before dared to dispute the rightness and wisdom of ancient traditions. Many honestly found the flagrant contempt of Jesus for the ceremonial very shocking to their sense of the proprieties. All the province was soon in an uproar of taking sides.

TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"With all these gorgeous, hand-painted silk ties you got for Christmas, don't tell me you're going around all day wearing that old black knitted string!"

## TIME FOR A SMILE



A smiling Margaret Truman relaxes with her singing instructor, Helen Traubel, the Metropolitan Opera soprano (right), during an interval at Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C., where she sang with the American National Symphony orchestra before a packed house. Among those who heard Margaret sing were her parents, President and Mrs. Truman.—AP Picture.

## SUDDEN STRIKE

### Railways Service Disrupted

London, Dec. 26.—A strike by railwaymen disrupted working timetable disrupted service on the Southern region of the British railways today.

All suburban trains were cancelled, including 12 specials which were to have carried some 6,000 racing fans to a meeting at Kempton Park.

Hundreds of persons crowded Waterloo Station, terminus of the Southern region. Christmas music was played on the public address system while ticket collectors advised them how to reach their destinations by bus or car.

Long distance routes to Southampton, Portsmouth and Bournemouth were started after delays up to an hour.

The walkout involved about 45 of the region's 268 motormen, who objected to working on Boxing Day—the traditional British holiday the day after Christmas.—Associated Press.

## Jap Claim To Kuriles

(Continued from Page 1)

lation that this move was not entirely unopposed.

Meanwhile, delegates of the 13-nation Far Eastern Commission, which is supposed to make Allied policy for Japan, said they were "not averse" if one could synthesise their remarks to reconsidering Japanese claims to the territories. However, their attitude was that they first wanted to see an American proposal for a peace treaty before committing themselves definitely.

This proposal, according to top officials, will not be ready until some time in February and will include nothing which the United States has not already proposed.

It will be a recognition of reparations, for a provision for the United States to take over the strategic trusteeship of all islands near Japan and a request for all Allied nations to assist the Americans in bearing the burden of Japanese rehabilitation.—United Press.

## Windsors Back In New York

New York, Dec. 26.—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor arrived here this afternoon aboard the Queen Elizabeth after a "very nice Christmas at sea."

The Duke said he and the Duchess sang carols with the crew on Christmas eve.

On Christmas night the Duke visited a party of 1,000 crewmen in the ship's quarters, where he was enthusiastically cheered.

The Duke said he and the Duchess would stay at the Waldorf for about a month, and then go to the Duke's 4,000-acre ranch in Alberta near Calgary. They plan to remain in America for about three months.—United Press.

## WOMAN SLAYS HER HUSBAND

New York, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Joseph Falila, 38, who yesterday stabbed her husband to death in front of her two children, then swallowed an almost fatal dose of sleeping pills, emerged from a 24-hour coma today and was reported to be in a fair condition at Fordham Hospital.

She asked first for her children and was told they had been placed in the care of their grandmother.—United Press.

## Peking-Korea Postal Agreement

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Peking Radio reported tonight that a postal and telecommunication agreement had been signed in the Chinese Communist capital between representatives of the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It added that the agreement will become effective after ratification by the Governments of the two Republics.—Reuter.

## New Zealand's Government Faces Two Big Tasks

Auckland, New Zealand, Dec. 26.—Two big tasks facing the new National Government, swept into power after 14 years of Socialist rule as a result of the recent general election, are to anchor the New Zealand pound to real values and to arrest its drift.

For years, rising costs and prices have been gradually nibbling at the pound and whittling down its purchasing power. Today, its value in many ways is less than half that in 1936.

In favour of the new government is the fact that prosperity in the export field has not ended yet—although its end may not be far off. Mr. E. C. Franklin, financial editor of the Auckland Star, expressed the opinion in a recent article that there is still time, although time is now short, to take the situation firmly in hand before the trend of events forces changes on the Dominion.

To do this, he said, expansion in credit by excessive Government spending and the ever-increasing banknote circulation, which has had no relationship to the small increase in goods and services, must be halted and all spending placed on a sound, solid basis.

The volume of money in circulation must be held steady

while production and services are built up. In this way, pressure on the cost of living and on industry may be eased without deflation.

Three times as much money is circulating today as 10 years ago; but the increase in production is less than 25 percent, while the volume of imports has actually fallen. Millions of pounds are lying idle in the banks, or are temporarily invested at low interest, because development work cannot be undertaken, or permits unobtainable, for construction of commercial and business premises and purchases of plant cannot be obtained, or because homes, motor cars or domestic commodities, such as carpets, are not available.

**PRIMARY CAUSES**  
Instead of dealing with primary causes of inflation, controls hitherto have been directed rather at overcoming the effects. This has been motive behind price fixing, rationing, import restriction, and pegging of property values.

Although partially effective, controls have led to much evasion and illegal dealing. Symptoms have been "under the table" payments, exorbitant sums demanded as "key money" for shops, offices, rooms or houses, and price rigging in the used car market. Firms, homes, and building sites are almost unobtainable at valuations tied to 1942 rates.

In the manufacturing field, price control has struck at production by robbing industry of incentive to do better. Some New Zealand key industries, notably woollen mills, have wilted, while semi-luxury enterprises have been stimulated.

**HANDICAP TO INDUSTRY**  
Wages would not be a handicap to industry at present levels if average performances were raised and industry had reasonable freedom to operate. The difficulty arises largely because wages are not earned, and because heavy taxation and high overhead costs take an increasing proportion of total profit.

Leading business and professional men have publicly suggested since the election, that a national effort should be made to stabilize the value of money. They consider that the Reserve Bank should be given powers to take the necessary action—which would involve divorcing the bank from direct ministerial control and conferring upon it independent authority.

Under Labour rule, the Reserve Bank was powerless to safeguard the currency because the Government had the right, conferred upon itself, to borrow to an unlimited extent.

While recently using the Reserve Bank to lighten the relief a little on other users of bank credit, the Government counteracted all gains from this source by creating and spending millions of new credits for its own purposes.

Supporters of the new Government eagerly await indications of its promised corrective measures.—Reuter.

## Military Arms Programme

### BRITISH REPLY TO US DRAFT EXPECTED

Washington, Dec. 26.—United States officials said it is believed that the British Embassy will deliver tomorrow Britain's reply to the latest U. S. bilateral treaty draft in connection with the military arms programme. These officials said they hoped the British reply would be sufficiently favourable to enable the starting of negotiations with Great Britain as soon as possible towards a satisfactory bilateral agreement.

A British Embassy spokesman said this afternoon that the reply has so far not been received.

A Danish official said that the Danish Embassy hopes to hear from the State Department tomorrow on this matter. He added that the Danish bilateral negotiations are well advanced, but that the State Department is anxious for all Atlantic Pact countries receiving arms aid to sign simultaneously.

In this connection, a French official said that their bilateral agreement will be ready for signing within a few days. He said France expects to sign the agreement even if Britain is not ready to sign hers.

An Italian official said that their agreement is ready for signing, but that the Italian Government's instructions are to wait a few days out of courtesy to see what the British Government intends to do.

A Norwegian official said that their agreement should be ready for signing early in 1950.

It is understood that the Benelux agreements are also well advanced, and that these governments concur with the State Department that at least the Western Union nations should sign simultaneously, if possible.

All European MAP diplomats report that their governments are anxious for the British to get down to the serious business of negotiating and rapidly concluding the bilateral agreements. They warned that delay might adversely affect the U. S. Congress when it considers second year MAP appropriations. They say they regret that the British Government did not send in its reply before the holidays.

The defendants all former officers, pleaded guilty, Moscow Radio reported.

The Court yesterday started the examination of one of the accused, Kayuehima Kiyoshi, a doctor, said to have headed an experimental unit of the Japanese Kwantung Army which specialised in research into germ warfare.

The doctor told the Court that his unit had a section which injected deadly bacteria into Russian and Chinese prisoners of war, the Radio said.

The prosecution alleged that the doctor himself made mass experiments on living persons and that in 1941 and 1942 he led a germ warfare combat unit in Central China.

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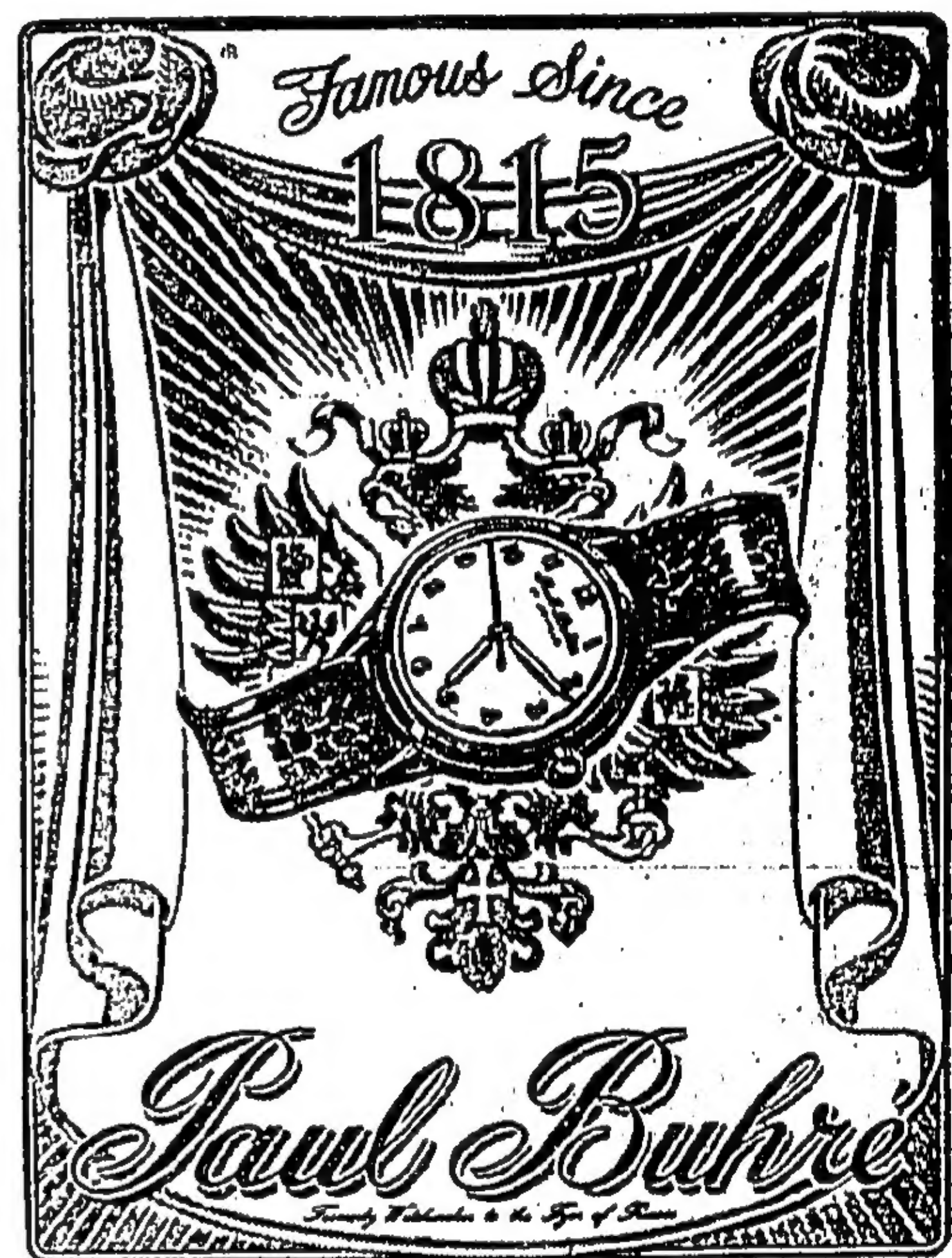
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## Charity Cup Matches:

# CHINA & ENGLAND HAVE EASY PASSAGE INTO INTERNATIONAL FINAL BY "RECORDER"

China and England had an easy passage into the final in the Charity Cup eliminating matches played over the Christmas holidays. A dour Scottish team went down 4-1 to a Chinese eleven against whom they were never really a match though they tried gamely enough in the first half on Christmas Day at Happy Valley.

England, a respectable team on paper though not more so in this respect than their opponents, beat Portugal by a convincing score of six goals to two at Boundary Street on Boxing Day.

Neither match produced much more than good holiday football, full of bright moments but never suggestive of the best that a good League game can turn up. The final, however, with an enterprising England team match against a tried China eleven, should be well worth the watching.

Neither match had legions of Chinese queuing up to see it. Local football was, for once, charitable to the spectator. The idea of playing the second match at Boundary Street was a better chance of seeing it, but the ground was hardly crowded out. In the circumstances, England's XI, drawn from Army and Navy only, produced a type of game that had the Portuguese caught at their own specialty, run off their feet in very little time. The Portuguese—six of them from Macao—played their normal type of opportunistic football with emphasis on the breakaways, quick passing and the wing forwards veering in to goal.

### SPOILER

With a half-back line in which Spence was a spoiler who took the wind out of the attacks and Dearsley and Smith not too slow at putting a lower half back into play in England's half of the field, the Portuguese met their first major obstacle. In Tozer, Navy's left-back, and, to a lesser but far from negligible extent, in Woolton, they met their second Leyland, in goal, was never really tested. Well fed by the defence, England's forward line proved that it had the dash and initiative to both bring the ball up within shooting range and score.

England's first goal came in the 16th minute of the game from the right-wing combination of Brown and Berry, the

### EASY GOING

The second half was easily England's with the Portuguese only nipping men on the field at one stage, still game but a little slower by just that margin that made all the difference. England's fourth goal was a beauty with Spence, inside-left, catching Portugal's goalless defenceless as he took a long pass from the right wing to bang it neatly into the left corner of the net.

The Portuguese were not a demoralised team, but they were beaten. In the 18th minute, Daley, outside-left, dribbled the ball in, passed over to Brown at right-wing, who centred it again to give Conway his third goal. Brown, the right-wing, scored the nightcap. The Portuguese were unlucky enough. They lost Gomes, their Castilho for a short period, and then Santos. Against an opportunistic forward line with Brown and Berry holding more of the spotlight on the right wing, they lost the game.

They were fast, but not fast enough. Pereira, at outside-left, was the pick of their forwards with Santos having his moments in the first half.

### AIROSA STANDS OUT

Alex Airoso, at centre-half played nicely, with Santos on his left a little below his usual form but very much in the game. The defence was weak. The goalie, Cabral, over-eager. From the spectator's viewpoint, the game was full of thrilling moments. Wild-kicking was at a minimum, but tactics were, more often than not, wild enough.

The teams were: England: Leyland (Army); Woolton (Army); and Tozer (Navy); Dearsley (Navy); Spence (Army); and Smith (Navy); Brown (Army); Berry (Army); Conway (Army); Spiers (Navy); and Daley (Navy).

Portugal: Cabral (Macao); Rocha (St. Joseph's) and Neves (Macao); Cunha (Macao); Airoso (Macao) and Santos (St. Joseph's); Soares (Macao); Gomes (St. Joseph's); Castilho (St. Joseph's); Paete (Macao); and Pereira (St. Joseph's).

### NO GIANTS

The Scots, with a scratch forward line that included a goalkeeper at outside-right, put up a terrific display against the all-star Chinese at Happy Valley on Christmas Day. That is, they did as long as they could keep it up.

Then, with Scotland lining the Chinese took over control near the end of the first half and scored through Tang Yee-Kit and again through Yiu Cheuk-yin. Then there came a surprise Scottish goal through

Devlin and one more for the Chinese from Yiu Cheuk-yin. Chu Wing-keung scored the final goal of the match in the second half which saw the Chinese well on top but seldom past Park of the KOSB who put up one of the best goal-keeping on an automatic choice for the HKFA XI against the CNAAF on New Year's Day.

The teams were: China: Yiu Yee-tak; Hui Yung-sung and Tse Kam-bung; Chiu Man-eh; Kwok Ying-kee and Cheung Kam-hoi; Ho Ying-fun, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Tang Yee-Kit, Chu Wing-keung and Lee Tai-fai. Scotland: Park (KOSB); Craighead (25 Field); and Easton (KOSB); Mullen (Club); Gordon (Police); and Hutton (34AA); Brown (Club); Bain (KOSB); Devlin (27AA); Clarke (RASC); and Nicholson (RAF).

### GOVERNOR'S CUP

The HKFA team for the Governor's Cup match against the CNAAF on New Year's Day was selected at a meeting held after the match at Boundary Street yesterday and will be: Leyland, Roberts, Tozer, Spence, Tennant (Captain), Hutton, Brown, Berry, Conway, Mullen and Daley.

The CNAAF team will be: Yiu Yee-tak; Hui Yung-sung; Liu Shu-ping; Cheung Kam-hoi; Tse Kam-bung; Kwok Ying-kee; Ho Ying-fun; Chiu Man-eh; Tang Yee-Kit; Yiu Cheuk-yin and Lee Tai-fai.

### REFEREE'S MEETING

The Monthly Meeting of the Hongkong Football Referee's Association will be held on Wednesday, December 28, at 10 p.m. in the Offices of the HKFA, Prince Building, Ice House Street.

## Asian Tennis Tournament

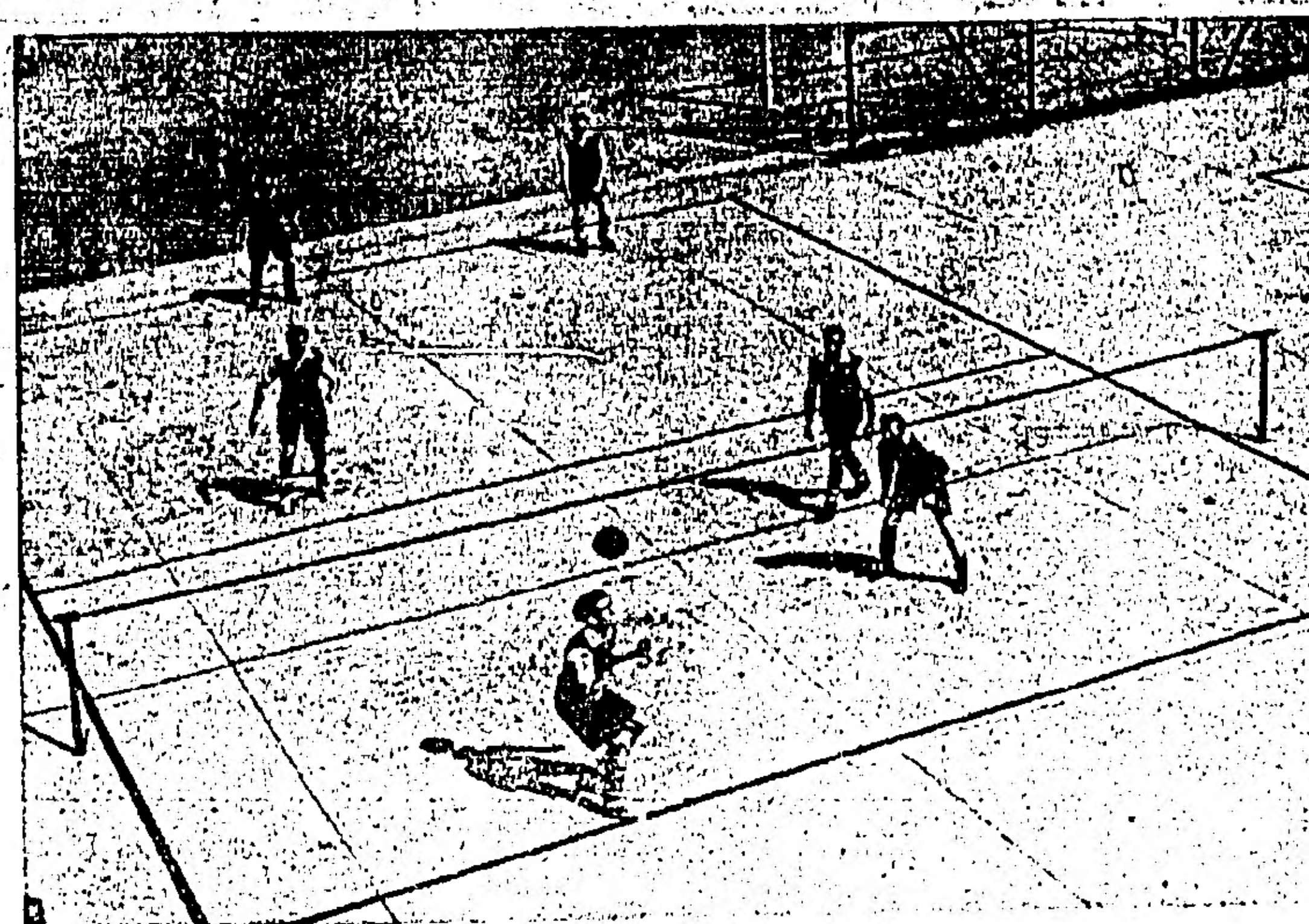
Calcutta, Dec. 26.—European tennis stars fared badly in the third round of the men's singles in the Asian Championships here today. Dilip Bose, India's No. 1, beat the British Davis Cup player, Geoff Paish, in straight sets 6-2, 6-0, 6-1, to enter the quarter-finals.

India's second string, Sumant Misra, defeated M. Brannovic, of Czechoslovakia, 6-0, 6-1, 6-3. Robert Abdessalam, of French International, was beaten by Heraldo Weiss, of Argentina, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Dragutin Mitec, the Yugoslav champion, went down by 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, to Reynaldo Deyto, a young Filipino player, while Josec Palada, another Yugoslav Davis Cup player, was beaten by 6-3, 6-1, 6-2 by the Pakistan left-hander, Ifthikhar Ahmed. Mrs Pat Todd, United States Wimbledon Cup player, reached the semi-finals of the women's singles when she beat Miss Gem Hoehling, of Britain, by 6-3, 6-1.

Results in the Second Round of the Men's Singles were: Ifthikhar Ahmed (Pakistan) beat C. Spychala (formerly Poland) 6-3, 6-1, 6-0. S. C. Misra (India) beat G. D. Oakley (Britain) 6-2, 6-0, 6-3. Naresk Kumar (India) beat J. Pelen (Belgium) 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. V. Cernik (formerly Czechoslovakia) beat S. N. Deb (India) 6-1, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.—Reuter.

## HEAD TENNIS



Arsenal players have good control of the ball with their heads, but that isn't always a gift they are born with. Nearly all League clubs go in a good deal for a game called head-tennis. Here the lads from Arsenal play it at Highbury. The game sharpens up both headwork and footwork.

## CRICKET

# Combined Services Five Wickets Down For 153

Combined Services were 38 runs short of the Hongkong Cricket Club's first innings score of 191 in the annual match at Chater Road yesterday with five wickets in hand when stumps were drawn. The match is to be continued today.

Though Club's batting did not get off to a good start, R. S. Cull, going in at No. 9, felt a touch of the holiday spirit and hit up 46 runs. That, aided by what went in the Extras, helped. The fast bowlers did not do particularly well, but E. J. Mitchell, with his leg breaks, took five wickets for 45 runs.

Except for a stand for the first wicket between RAF's A. D. Pantano and Royal Navy's T. Grant, the Combined Services batting was not shaping up too well until K. H. S. Wilson, who generally plays rugged, and W. K. Hendley, a newcomer to local cricket, made a stand of 117 for the sixth wicket. Scores were:

### HKCC

1st Innings	
L. F. Stokes, c. Pantano, b. Corfield	0
L. D. Kilbee, c. Holmes, b. Grace	19
T. A. Pearce, c. Moorhouse, b. Gambrell	0
O. J. Kerr, c. Grace, b. Mitchell	24
H. Owen-Hughes, c. Corfield, b. Mitchell	4
H. M. Newton, b. Mitchell	5
M. Jones, c. Gail, b. Mitchell	19
C. Pritchard, b. Gambrell	7
R. S. Cull, lbw, b. Corfield	46
T. P. Mahon, b. Mitchell	12
K. Bull, not out	18
Extras	2
Total	191

Bowling		O	M	R	W
Corfield	10	3	4	28	0
Grace	11	1	27	1	1
Gambrell	13	6	42	2	2
Mitchell	11	2	45	5	5
Hendley	5	1	13	0	0

### COMBINED SERVICES

1st Innings	
A. D. Pantano, b. Ball	35
T. Grant, c. Pearce, b. Cull	21
H. R. Grace, c. b. Owen-Hughes	9
M. W. Holmes, b. Ball	2
E. C. Moorhouse, lbw, b. Owen-Hughes	5
K. H. S. Wilson, not out	41
W. K. Hendley, not out	33
Extras	7
Total (for 5 wks.)	153

Bowling		O	M	R	W
Mahon	8	1	23	0	0
Pritchard	3	1	0	0	0
Cull	8	0	32	1	1
Pearce	3	0	7	0	0
Ball	10	1	27	2	2
Owen-Hughes	6	0	32	2	2
Jones	1	0	5	0	0

### YOUTH HAS ITS DAY

The Under-37s had an easy victory by 10 wickets over the Over-37s at the Indian Recreation Club in the inter-club match on Christmas Day. Scores were: Over 37s: 108 (E. R. H. Small 23, A. M. Rumjahn 20, I. M. Omar 6 for 31); Under 37s: 163 for 7 wickets (A. R. Reuter).

### KCC WIN

At Cox's Road, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Royal Navy by five wickets in the annual Boxing Day match.

Scores were: Royal Navy 87 (D. G. White 1 for 12); KCC 117 for 9 wickets (W. M. Davidson 27, F. R. Zimmer 34 retired, A. Zimmer 34 retired, L. White 4 for 32).

### CURRENT OFF

The Local Staff of the Hongkong Electric Company beat the Home Staff by two runs in their 20th annual match at the Indian Recreation Club yesterday. Top scorers were A. K. Minu (57), M. 1. Razack (20) for the Locals and T. E. Boycott (31) for the Home Staff. W. Stoker took seven of the Locals' wickets for 25 runs.

## Rugger Scores

London, Dec. 24.—The following are the results of Rugby Union games played today: Blackheath 5, Bedford 6; Old Paulines 0, Old Alleynians 10; Old Merchant Taylors 39, W. S.S. Old Boys 0; Richmond 0, Harlequins 9; Rugby Park 25, Metropolitan Police 12; Wasps 5, Northampton 9; Aberavon 0, Maesteg 0; Bath 14, Gloucester 11; Bridgend 6, Ebbw Vale 13; Bristol 8, Clifton 0; Hellenham 6, Notts 0; Coventry 3, Nuneaton 5; Cross Keys 8, Aberllynery 0; Exeter 9, Old Blues 0; Headingley 6, Huddersfield 2; Liverpool 6, Waterloo 22; Llanelli 21, Universities Athletic Union 10; Manchester 8, Birkenhead Park 14; Neath 11, London Welsh 8; Newbridge 0, Newport 3; Penarth 0, Cardiff 12; Rugby 16, Leicester 3; Stroud 30, Berkshire Wanderers 0.

Swansea 10, Watsonsians 0; Torquay Athletic 0, Teignmouth 3; Weston-super-Mare 0, Pontypridd 30.—Reuter.

### BOXING DAY MATCHES

London, Dec. 26.—The following were the results of Rugby League games played today: Belle Vue Rangers 22, Rochdale Hornets 0; Bradford Northern 10, Bramley 0; Castleford 23, Featherstone Rovers 15; Dewsbury 12, Batley 3; Halifax 13, Huddersfield 0; Hull Kingston Rovers 9, Hull 0; Hunslet 0, Oldham 5; Kelghley 20, York 5; Leeds 32, Wakefield Trinity 3; Leigh 7, Warrington 3; Liverpool Stanley 5, Swinton 38; Salford 0, Woking Town 7; St. Helen's 15, Wigan 0; Widnes 11, Whitehaven 0.—Reuter.

### ATLETIC RECORD

Brussels, Dec. 26.—Emile Gosselin, the Belgian sprint cyclist, today bettered the world record for the kilometre standing start at the Palais des Sports here. His time of one min. 8-4/5 secs, which is 3/5th of a second better than the previous record established recently in Zurich by the Dutchman, Arle Van Vliet.—Reuter.

## TEST MATCH

# SOUTH AFRICANS IN PRECARIOUS POSITION

Johannesburg, Dec. 26.—South Africa were in a precarious position at the end of the second day of the first Test against Australia here, having lost four wickets for 70 runs in reply to the touring team's first innings total of 413.

They still need 193 runs to save the follow on with two days' play remaining.

Ray Lindwall found the Ellis Park pitch unresponsive to speed, but Bill Johnston claimed Owen Wynne (3) leg-before with 14 runs on the board. Then Inn Johnson, fighting his off-breaks cleverly, took the wickets of Jack Nel (four in 41 minutes) and Dudley Nourse (0), which stung his figures were two wickets for two runs. Keith Miller bowled Wade (2) and four wickets were down for 47.

All this time the opening bat, Eric Rowan, defied the varied Australian attack and at the close he was undefeated for 40, made in just over two hours.

Earlier in the day Sam Loxton, dropped by Nourse when 24, went on to complete his first Test century for Australia, hitting 101 (14 boundaries) in two and a half hours. His previous best was 63 in the fourth Test against England at Leeds in 1938.—Reuter.

### BAD START

Johannesburg, Dec. 24.—A fighting century by Lindsay Hassett, the captain, pulled the game round for the Australian cricketers after a bad start against South Africa on the first day of the first Test match. By the close of play, Australia were 100 for four wickets. Hassett, playing in his first Test against South Africa, was undefeated with 109. Play had been held up because of bad light and then a heavy down-pour brought an early closure. On a dry and fairly lively wicket, the South African attack registered two big shocks in the first few minutes for the Australians when Arthur Morris and Jack Moroney, the opening pair, were dismissed without scoring, which stung his figures were two wickets for two runs. Morris was caught off the second ball of the match and Moroney was run out with a score of two—two wide balls—on the board.

### LAPSES

The South Africans held the initiative until after lunch when the wicket became easier, and several lapses in the field nullified their chances of dismissing the tourists for a small total.

Hassett, after being missed at three, added 89 for the wicket with Keith Miller and shared a best of 102 for the fourth wicket partnership with Neil Harvey. He hit seven of the 11 boundaries scored during the innings and was at the wicket for four hours and eight minutes.

McCartney, the young South African fast bowler, made the ball swing both ways and left awkwardly when the wicket was giving assistance. He and Watkins had the Australians struggling to get after the interval with the second new ball in a falling light.—Reuter.

### TRIBE'S PEAK

Calcutta, Dec. 24.—George Tribe reached his peak bowling form at Calcutta's Eden Gardens, where the three-day match between the Commonwealth and the West for the Governor's XI started today. Coming on at 33, scored by the home team's opening batsmen without separation, Tribe, fighting cleverly, started a procession and at lunch had claimed all seven wickets for 11 runs in ten overs, six of which were maidens. As a result of his devastating spell, the home team were 54 for 7 at lunch.

Tribe's first wicket today was his 50th of the tour. Smith described Tribe as "the best of taking all ten wickets of the innings when the last man in swiped Smith to the country where Parks brought off a magnificent catch."

Tribe's analysis at the end of the innings was 23 overs, 10 maidens, 50 runs, 6 wickets.

### CONFIDENCE

A young University student, P. Roy, was the only home team batsman to face Tribe with confidence and he hit the highest score of the side with 37, including six fours. The home team were all out for 122.

Livingson and Oldfield gave the Commonwealth a good start, putting on 82 runs for the first wicket. Late-cutting and on-warding stylishly, Livingson reached his 50 in 40 minutes, including seven fours. He was still batting, with 57, at the close of the first day's play, when the Commonwealth's score stood at 91 for one wicket. They are thus only 31 runs behind with nine wickets in hand.—Reuter.

### SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Melbourne, Dec. 26.—New South Wales scored 380 in their first innings and Victoria replied with 196 for four by the close of the second day of the Sheffield Shield match here. James Barker, New South Wales' opening batsman, carried his bat for 162 when the Shield Champions added 64 today to their overnight score of 286 for seven.

Douglas Ring took three wickets for 99.

Victoria opened disastrously when C. Macdonald was caught off the first ball sent down by the fast bowler T. Brooks, Ken McEuenman and Tom Howard then put on 126 runs in a valuable but dull partnership. McEuenman made 71.—Reuter.

### DOUBLE CENTURY

Adelaide, Dec. 26.—Robert McLean, South Australian all-rounder, scored 213 of his side's first innings total of 640 in the Sheffield Shield match against Queensland here. By close of play on the second day Queensland were 69 for no wicket in reply. McLean's marathon innings lasted eight and a half hours. He was unperturbed by heckling from today's crowd who did not appreciate his slow batting. The South Australian innings closed with the addition of 104 to the Saturday total of 280 for four.—Reuter.

### BOXING DAY

#### FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham	2	Derby C.	2
Bolton W.	3	W. Bromwich	0
Burnley	0	Blackpool	0
Charlton	1	Portsmouth	2
Chelsea	1	Liverpool	2
Everton	1	Fulham	1
Huddersfield	1	M'chester C.	0
Manchester U.	0	Sheffield U.	0
Newcastle U.	0	Middlesbrough	0
Sunderland	3	Stoke City	0
Wolves	2	Doncaster R.	3

#### SECOND DIVISION

Barnley	1	Leeds United	1
Bradford	1	Bury	2
Brentford	3	Hull City	0
Grimsby T.	1	Q.P. Rangers	1
Leicester	1	Coventry	1
Luton	1	Southampton	1
Plymouth	0	Cardiff	0
Preston N.E.	4	Sheffield W.	0
Sheffield W.	0	Blackburn R.	0
Spurs	2	Chesham	0
West Ham Utd	3	Swansea T.	0

#### THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN)

Bournemouth	2	Reading	1
Brighton & H.	0	Swindon	1
Bristol C.	0	Torquay U.	0
Crystal Pal.	2	Watford	0
Exeter City	1	Southend U.	1
Leyton Orient	0	Sheff. F.C.	0
Newport C.	0	Aldershot	0
Norwich C.	1	Notts F.	0
Notts County	2	Ipwich	0
Port Vale	3	Northampton	1
Walsall	0	Millwall	1

#### THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN)

Accrington	2	Wrexham	0
Barrow	0	H. pools U.	0
Chester	4	Bradford	1

## SOFTBALL

# Portugal & Pakistan In Semi-Final By "STARDUST"

Portugal notched a shut-out victory over the Philippines in yesterday's Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Shield International with an 18-0 score.

Portugal shelled two Filipino hurlers for a total of 12 hits, including an out-of-the-park homer by "Spikes" Gutierrez also smacked in two singles.

The Portuguese dished up two double plays to highlight the fielding. They will meet China in the semi-final.

Pakistan beat Britain 7-2 in a hard-fought game. The Pakistanis tallied five runs in the first canto on four errors and one hit to take a commanding lead which they held to the end. "Coffee" Baker homered in the fifth inning. Britain was without the service of the Leonard brothers (Dave and Stan).

The game was marred by an accident at the beginning of the seventh inning when "Powerhouse" Khan of the Pakistanis got one of his hands cut deep on sliding to second.

Benny Omar of the Pakistanis made a spectacular catch on third which had the fans dazzled. A record crowd witnessed the game. Pakistan will now meet the USA in the semi-final.

### RESULTS

International Series	
Portugal 18 Philippines 0	
Pakistan 7 Britain 2	
Ladies Junior League	
Clovers 20 McTeeleians 1	
White Fangs 5 Squaws 4	

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# THE KING'S MESSAGE

## Britain's Test Of Character

London, Dec. 25.—His Majesty the King, declared today in his traditional broadcast Christmas message that though Britain had "a long way to go," and it would be a "tough business," "none of us can be satisfied till we are again standing upright and supporting our own weight."

The King, whose voice was carried all over the world after the most comprehensive exchange of Commonwealth greetings ever undertaken, said:

"If we are to see it through, as we shall, we must put the good of our country first all the time. We are deeply grateful to our good friends in the United States for the imagination and sympathy with which they first realised our problems and then set to work to help us over them."

"Without this understanding help we could not have made the progress towards recovery that has already been achieved."

The whole world, he said, was watching Britain to see how she bore herself in the test of character her recovery involved.

"And if not the whole world, certainly the greater part of it is looking to see Great Britain and the British Commonwealth keeping their place and able to pull their full weight among the great Democracies, who are striving to lay the foundations of a secure peace for all."

One of the guests present for the few minutes he spoke, following the tradition of the Christmas Day broadcasts by his father, King George V 17 years ago, was his grandson, Prince Charles, who was spending his first Christmas at Sandringham. Last year he was in London.

Shortly after the broadcast, translations in Hindi, Urdu, Afrikaans and French were to go out, followed later by versions in other languages.

The speaker to precede the King was Mr. A. J. Williams, a Nigerian law student studying in London.

**GOOD WISHES FULFILLED**

The King said that each year he valued most highly the opportunity to send a message that he was able to give on Christmas Day. "In no way would it be possible for me to be in each direct personal touch with the many friends to whom I am speaking."

He continued: "I told you a year ago of the volume of sympathy with me and my illness that had come from every part of the world. Those good wishes, I am thankful to say, have been largely fulfilled, so that I am now able again to undertake many public duties which, under doctors' orders, I was for a while obliged to forego."

"Once more I would say how touched and encouraged I have been by the affectionate concern of millions in these islands and far outside them."

"Most of us make Christmas the family festival; and it is about this family side of Christmas that I want to say something today. Here at Sandringham, the Queen and I are very glad to have with us both the oldest member and the youngest member of our family and we would like to share our Christmas joys with you all wherever you may be, who are listening to me now."

"May this season, and the new year that is to follow it, bring to you real happiness. It is right that we should think first at this time of our nearest and dearest, and where there are children, we are trying to make it a happy day for them."

"To us older ones the happiness of young people is one of the chief sources of delight. And if we can carry this spirit of Christmas along with us through 1950, it will not only make life easier for those round us, but we shall be giving strength to that wider family of the whole British Commonwealth, which depends for its own vitality upon the health of all its members."

**DIFFICULT DAYS**

"The difficult days bring to my peoples the opportunity of showing the great qualities of human nature—courage, perseverance, endurance, unselfishness and public spirit."

"These are the qualities by which, in our long history, the sons and daughters of our race have met and overcome many crises. And each one of us who day by day tries in that spirit to do his duty can surely feel that he is doing his share to win through these dangerous times, so that we may the more certainly and the sooner be equipped to play the full part that we ought to play in the world."

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"But none of us can be satisfied till we are again standing upright and supporting our own weight, and we have

### POCKET CARTOON



## War Crimes Suspects To Be Released

### Declares Chicago Newspaper

Tokyo, Dec. 25.—One hundred war crimes suspects at present held in Sugamo Prison, Tokyo, on behalf of the Australian Government, will be released within two or three weeks, according to the correspondent of the Chicago Tribune today quoted in the Japanese newspaper, Yomiuri.

Many of the suspects have been detained for four years or more without trial because evidence against them was lacking, the correspondent said.

In many cases their families have suffered since all the assets of the suspects were blocked.

The Australian Government did not release the prisoners because it feared political repercussions before the general election, declared the correspondent.

Australia still maintains a 15-man War Crimes staff in Tokyo.

The Philippines is the only other Government maintaining a staff, which is expected to be recalled shortly as the Philippines trials were ending this month, the correspondent added.

The newspaper Yomiuri has a circulation of over 2,000,000 copies daily. This is the first reference to the prisoners held on behalf of Australia mentioned in the Japanese press and coincided with General Douglas MacArthur's announcement of a Christmas amnesty for those already sentenced.—Reuter.

**CHRISTMAS AMNESTY**

Tokyo, Dec. 25.—Forty-six minor Japanese war criminals are to be released immediately under a Christmas amnesty announced by General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan.

All criminals serving less than life sentences at Sugamo Prison will be entitled to reductions in their sentences for good behaviour.

The announcement added that a parole system was also under study which would be applicable to all prisoners, including those serving life sentences.—Reuter.

**MR BEVIN TAKEN ILL**

London, Dec. 25.—The Foreign Office spokesman said today that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who was taken ill at his London home yesterday, passed a good night and was fully recovered.

He repeated that Mr. Bevin would travel to Colombo on Tuesday for the Commonwealth meeting as previously arranged.

The Foreign Office spokesman denied that Mr. Bevin had a heart attack on Saturday and said that his illness was trifling.

Mr. Bevin had apparently had the same sort of attack which caused him to stay home for two or three days last week. Mr. Bevin has several times this year been subject to slight periods of illness and the general state of his health remains something of a mystery.—Reuter.

**Garry Davis Has Xmas Visitors**

Strasbourg, Dec. 25.—Garry Davis, "World Citizen No. 1," now camping beside the Rhine in the hope of being allowed into Germany to undertake reconstruction work, had many Christmas visitors today.

They gazed at the tent which Mr. Davis set up last Tuesday among piles of material for repairing the bridge.

Wrapped in a blanket he sat in a chair in front of a good fire, tapping away at a portable typewriter.—Reuter.

**DEVELOPMENT OF HOKKAIDO**

Tokyo, Dec. 25.—The Japanese Government is planning the creation of the "Hokkaido Development Board" for promoting the overall development of Hokkaido, the northernmost island of Japan.

The proposed office will be empowered to formulate basic policies on the development of the island and to exercise jurisdiction over the enforcement of all the necessary measures.

The board, which will be headed by a Cabinet Minister, will be directly under the Prime Minister's Office.—Reuter.

**PHILIPPINES TO STRENGTHEN DEFENCES**

Manila, Dec. 25.—The defences of the Philippines Republic will be strengthened to enable it to cope with internal and external disorders, President Quirino indicated at a press conference in Baguio City.

While he declined to give figures, informed sources close to the Army and Constabulary quarters believe that the strength of the armed forces will be increased to 24,000 officers and men, and the Constabulary to 20,000.

It was stated that in the proposed re-organization, Major General Mario N. Castaneda, the Army Chief of Staff, will be given the rank of Lieutenant General, and Brigadier Alberto Ramos, Chief of the Constabulary, may be promoted to the rank of Major General.

Constabulary reports yesterday said that combined Government and air and sea assaults were shifted from Luuk Mountains, in Sulu, against the Moro rebels to Tandubas, on Sulu's south-eastern coast, where large contingents of non-Christian outlaws were said to have entrenched and riddled battle with the Government forces.

Tandubas is said to be the last stronghold of the Moros in that part of Sulu.—Reuter.

# Indonesia Receives Full Sovereignty Today

## 7 NATIONS SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO BATAVIA

Batavia, Dec. 25.—The representatives of seven nations—India, Pakistan, Burma, Siam, Afghanistan, Egypt, and the Philippines—arrived here today to take part in the celebrations on Tuesday, when Indonesia receives full sovereignty from the Dutch.

The chief Indian delegate, the Health Minister, Mrs. Rajkumari Amrit Kuar, who arrived accompanied by the Indian Ambassador-designate to Indonesia, Dr. Paramasiva Subbarayan, was given a warm reception at the airport by the Indian community, who garlanded them.

The Pakistan delegation was headed by Mr. Chaudhri Nazir Ahmed Khan, who was garlanded by the Pakistan community in Batavia amidst cries of "Pakistan Zindabad" (Up with Pakistan).

All seven delegations were received by Dr. Mohammad Hoesni, the Indonesian Acting Foreign Minister and chairman of the Preparatory Committee, and officials of the Foreign Office in the Dutch administration.

The Saudi Arabian and Egyptian delegates, dressed in flowing robes, received enthusiastic applause as they left the place.

The Indonesian Preparatory Committee announced that Republican troops were leaving for the outlying islands near Java and Sumatra to take over from the Dutch as soon as possible. These include the tin islands of Banka, Billiton, Riuw and Sabang.

The Committee also announced that discussion on future concentrations of Dutch troops, before withdrawal, had reached an advanced stage.

**MACDONALD ATTENDING**

From the date of the transfer of sovereignty Dutch warships and patrol vessels to be used for patrol duties have been instructed to fly the red and white Indonesian flag.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the British High Commissioner General in South-East Asia, is due here tomorrow to represent Britain at the transfer of power ceremony.

The ceremony will take place in the Palace of the Dutch High Commissioner, which will be President Soekarno's residence after the transfer, according to Aneta.

On Tuesday evening a delegation of the Government of the United States of Indonesia will listen with the Dutch High Commissioner to radio broadcast of Queen Juliana's speech from Amsterdam, by which the transfer will be made official.

Next, the Dutch High Commissioner will transfer his executive functions to the delegation. The Dutch flag will be lowered with the playing of the Dutch National Anthem "Wilhelmus," after which the red and white Indonesian flag will be raised while the band plays the Indonesian National Anthem.

On Wednesday, President Soekarno arrives from Jogjakarta about 11 a.m. and will proceed immediately to the Palace. He is expected then to give a message to the Indonesian people.—Reuter.

**Whose Baby? Case May Go To Privy Council**

Melbourne, Dec. 25.—The Privy Council in London may yet decide whether Nola Jenkins, the central figure in Australia's famous "Whose Baby?" case, was given to the wrong parents after she was born at Kyneton Hospital, Victoria, in 1945.

Mr. W. H. Morrison, whose wife claims that Nola is her baby and that Johannes, the baby given to her at the hospital was born to Mrs. N. H. Jenkins on the same day, said today that the Australian High Court had not had the last word in the case.

The High Court, by a three to two majority last week, ruled that Baby Nola was to remain with Mrs. Jenkins. Mrs. Morrison said through her lawyer later that she wanted to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision but might not be able to find sufficient funds.

Today her husband said: "We shall go to England for the next hearing," and added that "we will even go to the King if our Counsel advises it."—Reuter.

**No More Petrol Rationing In Australia**

Canberra, Dec. 25.—The Australian Government will lift petrol rationing at the end of the month, according to a usually reliable source. There was "definite evidence of a surplus of sterling petrol," and the present position "bore out the new government's claim that the rationing was not necessary, the source added.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, declined to comment on the statement, but said: "There is definite evidence to indicate my attitude since last March that there is a surplus of sterling petrol."

Petrol rationing in Australia first ended on June 1, 1949, when it was declared invalid by the Australian High Court, but it was renewed in all Australian States on November 15, except in Tasmania, where its re-introduction was rejected by the State Parliament.—Reuter.

**NEW SYRIAN GOVERNMENT**

Damascus, Dec. 24.—Kazim El Kodai Bey, the Foreign Minister in the Syrian Cabinet, which fell after last Monday's military coup, formed a new Government tonight.

The new Premier will retain the Foreign Affairs portfolio. The only other member of the old Cabinet in the new one is Fayid Attasi, who will be Defence Minister besides keeping his old post of Minister of National Economy.

The new Cabinet includes six members of the Shabab Party, one member of the Moslem Socialist Front and two Independents.—Reuter.

**Bombs Thrown At Police Party**

Calcutta, Dec. 25.—Two police officers and one constable were injured here today when members of a Communist-sponsored meeting threw bombs at a police party posted nearby.

The police opened fire to disperse the attackers, who later set fire to two trams. None of the attackers was injured.—Reuter.

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